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### ALMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**BANKERS.**  
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**SOCIETIES.**  
U. B. CHURCH—Services at Adams Hall Jan. 11, and each alternate Sunday thereafter until further notice. Rev. J. WILDMAN, Pastor in charge.

**METHODIST CHURCH**—Morning service 10:30; Sunday school 12:30. Evening service 7:30. Young people's meeting Tuesday evening 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings. Cottage meeting every Tuesday evening.  
REV. J. W. McALLISTER, Pastor.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**—Services are held every Sunday morning 10:30 a. m. Even 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. C. A. CARY, Rector.

**FREE METHODIST SOCIETY**—Services every Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Business meeting every Tuesday evening. Prayer Meeting Friday evening.  
REV. S. W. INGALLS, Pastor.

**DAPIST CHURCH**—Morning service 10:30. Sunday school 11:45. Evening service 7:30. Young people's meeting 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings. Cottage meeting every Tuesday evening.  
REV. E. J. HARRIS, Pastor.

**ALMA LODGE, F. & A. M.**—Regular meetings on Monday night on or after full moon.  
W. A. PAINE, Sec'y. B. S. WEBB, R. F.

**ALMA CHAPTER, O. E. S. No. 48**—Regular meetings on the first Friday of each month. Mrs. HANNAH HALL, W. M. Mrs. LILLIAN REED, Sec'y.

**A. B.**—William Meyer Post, No. 152, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., meet on Saturday of each month at 7:30 p. m. and on the 4th Saturday of each month at 2:30 p. m.  
W. M. H. H. MASON, Commander. L. GEE, Adjutant.

**W. M. MOYER-BELLEVUE CORPS, No. 183**, meet every second and fourth Wednesday in each month at G. A. R. hall.  
Mrs. Ursula KILMER, Mrs. H. A. BOZARDUS, Secretary. President.

**ROYAL ARCANUM**—Arcadia Council No. 199, meets every other Wednesday night at L. O. G. P. hall.  
I. B. HALL, W. M. A. W. BROWN, Sec'y.

**KNIGHTS OF PITHIAS**—Fitz James Lodge, No. 95, A. O. F., hold its regular meetings every other Wednesday night.  
G. M. HUTCHINSON, C. C. N. G. DAVIDSON, K. of K. S.

**ALMA LODGE, I. O. O. F.**, meets Monday evenings.  
M. MEDLAR, N. G. T. KNAPP, R. S.

**SUPERIOR LODGE, D. O. R.** Regular Meetings Friday nights.  
Mrs. J. H. S. HUTCHINGS, N. G. Mrs. KATE DAVIDSON, R. J.

**ALMA ENCAMPMENT, No. 42, I. O. O. F.** meet every first and third Tuesday in each month.  
F. ELLIOTT, Sec'y. D. COLMAN, Chief Patriarch.

**O. T. M.** Regular reviews of Alma Tent, No. 184, are held every alternate Wednesday night at 7:30 in L. O. G. P. hall. Visiting members of the Order are welcome.  
J. T. LEMESSURIER, Com. R. D. LEMEN, R. S.

**O. T. M. Alma Tent, No. 182**, meets alternate Friday afternoons, 2 o'clock; I. O. O. P. hall. Visitors always cordially welcome.  
Mrs. CHAS. MORRIS, L. C. Mrs. ANNA LEONARD, R. K.

**O. F. Court Alma, No. 78**, holds its regular meetings in the A. R. Hall, Wright's block, on the second Thursday in each month at 7 p. m. in time. Visitors welcome.  
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Wheat  
Oats  
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Lime, Hair and Cement.  
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### A Review.

Last week we briefly mentioned that Mr. Wright was making extensive improvements and contemplated erecting more buildings this spring on his farms. Since then we have made a little more explicit investigation, and as the magnitude of his farming interests were a revelation to us, we feel that the information will be of interest to our readers.

But, really, did you ever stop to think of the difference between the Alma of today and the Alma of ten or even five years ago? Just run over in your mind the improvements made during this period: The number of new residences, the improvements in our stores and the increase of business, as well as the general improvement of the town and you will be able to appreciate that while Alma has had no boom, she has prospered, improved and shown a steady advancement every year.

What is true of the village, is equally true of the surrounding country. Drive out from town in any direction and note the improvements of the farms. Fields have been cleared, stumps have been removed, low lands have been drained, barns and houses have been improved, fences have been straightened, roads have been drained and graded until now the farming section about Alma is in as high a state of cultivation as any section of the state.

For these improvements we are largely indebted to Mr. A. W. Wright. The consumption yearly of thousands upon thousands of cords of wood by the Wright House and Sanitarium, has done much to clear up the land within a radius of ten miles, and every individual land holder has seemed to become inspired by the example set him, doing, in almost every case, all that was in his power to improve his farm in order to be in keeping with those around him.

But we started to point out some facts about Mr. Wright's personal farming interests with which you may not be familiar. He has twelve farms within a radius of five miles of Alma, comprising in round numbers 1,900 acres. He can start out from the Wright House corner, make a circuit of six miles and drive the entire distance, with the exception of about three-quarters of a mile, on his own land. The buildings on these farms are substantial and commodious. Some of the barns and out-buildings being extremely large, and every appliance and convenience for successfully carrying on farm work is employed.

Mr. Wright is a thorough believer in underdraining, having put in, during the past years, over 50 car loads of tile, varying in size from three to eight inches. Perhaps you can better realize what this means by thinking of it as a ditch varying in depth from two and one-half to six feet, and extending from Alma to Grand Rapids a distance of 75 miles, and representing a total cost of \$10,000. In addition to the large amount of labor employed in this underdraining work, he has in constant employment, during the summer season, from eight to fifteen men engaged in pulling stumps and clearing land. No stumps or low wet holes allowed on his land. Every foot must be utilized and made to yield something. He does his farming as he does his business, thoroughly and systematically. No extravagance is tolerated, and at the same time nothing is allowed to go to waste. Everything must be cleaned up: No piling of old rails or rubbish allowed: No fences or gates out of repair, no farm implement left out in rain or weather, and above all, every animal must be well fed and warmly housed. When in town, he makes the rounds, no matter what the weather may be, at least once daily, personally inspecting everything and giving instructions what to do.

It is said by his farmers that nothing escapes his eye, and he knows how it should be done and wants it done exactly that way.

So much for the farms and buildings, but let us see what there is on the farms at the present writing: There is a total of 54 persons, 29 horses, 137 cows, 73 young stock, 50 steers, being fatted for spring market, 474 sheep and 69 swine. You can now realize something of the extensive farming interests being carried on by Mr. Wright. He is the same Mr. Wright who gave us the Opera House Block, the Flouring Mill, the Creamery, the Wright House, the College and the Sanitarium. He has a residence right here in the village and he calls this his home. We know we voice the sentiment of every resident when we say that what he has done and is doing is sincerely appreciated, and that so far as we individually are able, we stand ready to do all that is in our power to further the interests of his Alma and our Alma.

Shiloh's Cure, the great cough and croup cure, is in great demand. Pocket size contains 25 doses only 25c. Children love it. Sold by druggists.

### Lady Minstrels.

Alma has had its operas, concerts, fairs, dinners, art loans and innumerable other attractive amusements, but it has never had so unique a show as a Female Minstrel. Saginaw and Bay City elite have for sweet charity's sake thrown aside its timidity and reserve and its fairest ladies have given a most successful and unique minstrel.

Alma has decided to give at the Opera House, on Thursday, February 21, 1895, a Female Minstrel.

Now just imagine a woman telling a joke or a funny story and not laugh at it herself. We can't believe it can be done, but the artists who will take part profess to possess this ability. It will be worth more than a dozen admission charges to see the middleman or middlewoman as we may call her ask a commendation of the endman or "end woman" and see them fight as all good "endmen" do. There will be more fun in it than in a basket of monkeys.

Negro melodies, southern impersonations and music of a choice kind will be abundant and for wit and bright bits on our town and people, why we just can't wait for the date. We go to press to soon for a complete program, but we are assured all jokes will be new. Just think of that, a new joke. Why we have commenced to laugh all ready, at the very thought of a joke being new.

We can only say to the sedate and dignified, come to this clean, moral, witty minstrel.

To the old folks: Come and see our old time minstrel with new and soul cheering music and stories.

To the young folks: Come and guess who they are. To the young men: Why just be prepared for a lively exhibition of womanly wit and repartee. Banjo, bones and instruments unheard of will form but a part of the program. The novelty, uniqueness and humor of a Female Minstrel should draw a crowded house anywhere and the knowledge that our ladies are the performers should insure a packed house, such as our opera house has never known. Owing to the anticipated demand for seats the sale will commence on Monday, February 18, 1895.

Karl's Clover Root will purify your blood, clear your complexion, regulate your bowels and make your head clear as a bell. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by B. S. Webb.

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**All Free**  
Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a trial bottle, free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklin & Co. Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. B. S. Webb's Drug store.

**Free Pills**  
Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by B. S. Webb, Druggist.

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**PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**  
MOST PERFECT MADE.  
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Baking Powder from America, Alma or any other adulterated. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

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**Saturday Only of this Week.**

1 lot of *Fancy Gingham*, suitable for Children's wear, regular price 7c, Saturday's price 5c.

1 lot of *Heavy Outing Flannel*—new patterns and better than has ever been sold for the money—they go at 5c.

*Fine Dress Gingham* in handsome styles, usually sold at 10c, this sale 8c.

*Toile du Nord*—all new designs and just the thing for fine dresses for Spring and Summer wear at 12c per yard; last season's price was 15c.

*Fine Dress Ducks* in plain and fancy colors—note the price—only 12c, well worth 15c.

It will pay early buyers to inspect these goods as they are the EARLY PICK OF THE SEASON.

**New Shoes for Ladies**

At unheard of prices, guaranteed all solid leather, nicely trimmed and specially made for the

**Alma Mercantile Company.**

For Saturday of this week we will sell \$2.00 Shoes at \$1.60. We would like you to compare this shoe with any \$2.00 or \$2.25 shoe in the county.

The following shoe at \$1.45 is better value than has been offered at any time.

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